

Turbo Generating Equipments

2263. SHRI SANAT MEHTA :

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether a loan agreement between Government of India and OECF for financing 6 Nos. of 200 MG reversible units in the River Bed Power House (RBPH) of Sardar Sarovar Project for 2.85 billion Japanese Yen was signed way back in November, 1985;

(b) whether contract was awarded to M/s Sumitomo Corporation and amount of 2.85 billion Yen from OECF was utilised for payment for model test;

(c) whether Government of India had requested the OECF to sign further loan agreement for the amount of 17.2 billion Yen for procurement of turbo generating equipment, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether this project has been delayed, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps being taken to resolve the stalemate in order to expedite the work?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The unilateral decision of Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF), Japan to suspend the release of further instalment of loan after disbursement of first slice of Yen 2.85 billion in 1986 due to certain environmental considerations created an impasse in this regard.

(e) To sort out the deadlock several meetings were held at various levels both in the State and in this Ministry with all concerned. On 13th November, 1996 a meeting of the Review Committee of Narmada Control Authority (RCNCA) was held. Accordingly negotiating team has already been set up by this Ministry to hold talks with M/s Sumitomo Corporation, Japan, the suppliers of the TG Set for the river bed power house of Sardar Sarovar Project.

[Translation]

Conference of Dentists

2264. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a conference of Dentists was held in Chandigarh last year in which it was said by experts that none of the tooth-pastes being used in India has the quality to protect gums and there is no difference between paste and water;

(b) whether the Government have looked into it or will get this investigated; and

(c) if so, appropriate action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) As per a news paper report, a Conference of Dental Experts was held in Punjab in which reference was made to leading advertisements and exaggerated claims of different brands of tooth-paste.

(b) and (c) Government have initiated steps to advise all the State Licencing Authorities in the States/UTs to ensure that the companies manufacturing tooth-pastes do not carry on their labels any misleading and exaggerated claims concerning effectiveness of their products, especially if they do not contain any germicidal agents, or if the products are not taking care of deficiency of flouride or strengthening of gums.

Appropriate action is required to be taken by the State Licencing (Enforcing) Authorities in the States/UTs against the defaulters for not complying with the specified standards of advertisement/claim and further to scientifically test the claims of various brands of tooth-pastes to know the genuineness of the manufacturers' advertisement claims.

[English]

Cauvery Tangle

2265. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Cauvery basin States have agreed to share the information data of their respective State to various facts of the Cauvery water dispute;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to scrap the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is attached.

(c) There is no such proposal.

Statement

On 28.1.97 during the hearing of the Tribunal a common suggestion was given on behalf of the Party States as well as Union Territory of Pondicherry that opportunities should be provided to different States including the Union Territory of Pondicherry to exchange data/information and the inspection of Project sites, basin areas (including trans-basin areas) by the Advocates, Engineers and other Officials of one State in so far the project area and the basin areas of other

States and Union Territory of Pondicherry are concerned. Ultimately a memorandum of joint Statement has been filed on behalf of the States of Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala and Union Territory of Pondicherry agreeing to the following terms :—

1. That the information under "Common Format", shall be updated till end of 1995-96.
2. That the Party States shall exchange data/information on :
 - (a) Daily rainfall, in respect of mutually agreed stations;
 - (b) Daily inflows and outflows (with level and storage), in respect of all the major reservoirs in the basin;
 - (c) Dates of opening and closing of the major and medium reservoirs in the basin;
 - (d) Ayacut thrown open for irrigation, under the major, medium, and diversion schemes, from 1996-97 season onwards; and
 - (e) Data pertaining to the location, quantum and all the relevant aspects on trans-basin diversions made by each State.
3. That a party State shall make available, within the reasonable time, documents, publications etc., if requested by any other party State, which is relevant and necessary for determination of the dispute.
4. That the documents already asked for by any party State, shall be supplied within two weeks.
5. That a Party State shall permit inspection of the project sites and basin areas (including trans-basin areas) to the Advocates, Engineers and other Officials of any other Party State, whenever requested, with four weeks prior notice.

[Translation]

Ban on use of Gambier

2266. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that the use of 'Gambier' in Pan masala is the cause of oral cancer and since gambier is easily available to Pan masala manufacturers in Kanpur due to a large number of tannery industries there, cases of leukoplakia and submucous-fibrosis are five times more in Kanpur as compared to other parts of the country; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to prevent it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b) There is no epidemiological data to indicate that use of Gambier in Pan-masala is the cause of Oral Cancer in Kanpur or has resulted in five-fold increase in leukoplakia and submucous-fibrosis in Kanpur as compared to other parts of the country.

Treatment of Patients

2267. SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the patients coming from outside, are not treated properly in Ram Manohar Lohiya Hospital, Safdarjung Hospital and All India Institute of Medical Sciences due to which these people go to the members of Parliament with the complaints;

(b) the number of Members of Parliament who have sent complaints to the Government in this regard during the last three years and the action taken by the Government thereon; and

(c) whether any doctors and officers have been punished in this regard and if so, the details thereof for the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) Irrespective of place of residence of patients, every effort is made by hospital authorities to ensure that all patients are provided with proper treatment.

(b) During the last three years, 5 complaints were received from MPs. Decisions have been taken in respect of 4 complaints.

(c) No, Sir.

Recognition of Private Hospitals

2268. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recognised any private hospitals and diagnostic centres in Mumbai for the benefit of CGHS beneficiaries for availing themselves of specialized treatment, if so, the names and details there of including the procedure and the charges in each hospital, etc.;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which Government propose to recognize such private hospitals etc. for CGHS beneficiaries in Mumbai and other metropolitan cities?